

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

NO.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 320, passed at the recently adjourned Regular Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature.

House Bill 320 seeks to amend Article 7064 of the present statutes by changing only one word in the present law. That is, to change the word "entire" to "invested" in that portion of the law respecting the percentage of investments to be made in Texas securities in order that an insurance company may qualify for the lower rate of premium tax. The bill applies to every insurance concern transacting any kind or character of insurance business other than the business of life insurance and other than fraternal benefit associations.

The purpose of the amendment sought to be accomplished by House Bill 320 is to make it easier for the insurance companies affected to qualify for the lower rate of premium tax. This would have the effect of reducing the premium tax on any company which did not have the required percentage of its entire assets invested in the securities referred to in Article 7064. It would change the method of computing the percentage from entire assets to invested assets.

In my first message to the Forty-Eighth Legislature, I stated:

"A strict policy of economy should be followed, and no new taxes will then be necessary. It will be necessary to maintain tax levies already in existence."

The Legislature cooperated heartily with the policy announced in my message. Appropriations were reduced substantially and a strict policy of economy was adopted. No new taxes were levied. In

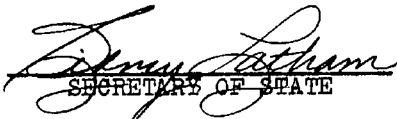
discussions with Members concerning this general policy of economy and of maintaining the present revenues to the State, I announced generally that I would veto any bill which had the effect of reducing the present revenues. In the maintenance of that harmonious spirit of cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Departments of our government, it is often necessary for each to repose a measure of confidence in the other. This confidence should never be impaired by a breach of faith on the part of either, directly or indirectly. The statements I have made concerning the maintenance of present tax levies amount to a commitment on my part to veto House Bill No. 320. Whether wise or unwise, the obligation has been incurred. It must be carried out.

House Bill No. 320 reached my office less than ten days before the end of the Regular Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature. In accordance with the Constitution, it is being filed with the Secretary of State together with this proclamation containing my objections to the bill.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 29th day of May, A. D., 1943.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

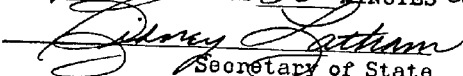

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS


SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS 31st DAY OF May 1943

AT 9 O'CLOCK AND 30 MINUTES A. M.


Secretary of State